Representations for allotment of property in Secunderabad Cantonment

3932. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of representations are pending with Ministry of Defence regarding allotment of land and property in Secunderabad Cantonment;

(b) if so, the number of such representations; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to resolve this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Ex-gratia payment to World War-II Veterans

3933. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1943 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th December, 1993 and state :

(a) whether the recommendations of the Committee to examine ex-gratia payments to World War II veterans have been processed and a decision has been taken thereon; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Offer for Upgradation of MIG 21

3934. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has received offers from Russia, U.S. Companies and Israel for upgradation of MIG 21;

(b) if so, what are the terms and conditions of each offer; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken, if not already taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) Offers for upgradation of MIG 21 BIS Aircraft, both solicited and unsolicited have been received from Russian, Israeli, French and British manufacturers/vendors. These are under scrutiny. Discussion with team of Russian specialists and Western vendors is in progress.

Launching of Agni-III

3935. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what were the salient features of the Agni-III which was launched successfully on February 19, 1994 and the precision with which different stages of the launch were performed, in the context of the desired objectives;

(b) what were the precise objectives sougt to be achived thereby; and

(c) what stage in the Agni-series does it represent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) AGNI-III launched on 19th Feb. 94 was configured for longer range and re-entry manoeuvre. The flight system worked successfully and all mission objectives were fully achieved.

(c) With the launch of 'AGNI-III', 'AGNI' project is successfully completed.

Use of Defence Forces in Internal Civilian affairs

3936. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the adverse reactions in the press as well as among informed circles about the excessive use of defence forces in internal civilian affairs; and

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any policy guideline in this regard ; if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) It has always been policy of the Government to minimise use of the Armed Forces in "aid to civil authorities" role. The State Governments have been advised that the Armed Forces may be requisitioned as a last resort; after the local police/para military forces and other State Government agencies have been deployed and when they do not prove to be adequate to control the situation.

Reported indiscipline among army personnel

3937. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :